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BY OFFICIAL THIRD PERSON MEMORANDUM DATED FEB 10, 1975, FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING EUGENE MAXIMILIEN'S EFFORTS TO SELL A PORTION OF HAITI'S DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVES (EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

- 1. QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISES THAT THE HAITIAN DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVES ARE PART OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PATRIMONY AND CANNOT LEAVE HAITIAN TERRITORY WITHOUT SPECIAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION.
- 2. QUOTE. THE OFFER TO SELL SUCH ARCHIVES TO AN INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED OUTSIDE HAITIAN TERRITORY IS CONTRARY TO LAW. THE COMPETENT SERVICES OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RECOVER THESE ARCHIVES AND TO PLACE THEM AT THE DISPOSITION OF STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS.
- 3. QUOTE. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIFIES THAT THE SELLER OF THE SAID ARCHIVES IS NEITHER JURIDICAL COUNSELOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOR HAITIAN AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, AS HE CLAIMS. A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED FOR THE ATTENTION OF CONCERNED FOR USUPATION OF TITLES, AN OFFENSE FORESEEN AND PUNISHABLE BY LAW. END QUOTE. ISHAM

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